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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA: DE CUELLAR PRESS
CONFERENCE AT END OF TALKS, APRIL 7.

1. AMBASSADOR DE CUELLAR MET WITH THE PRESS IN THE AFTERNOON
OF APRIL 7 FOLLOWING THE FINAL MEETING OF THIS ROUND OF TALKS
IN VIENNA. AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF HIS Q AND A SESSION
IN ENGLISH WITH THE PRESS FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: Q. MR. DE CUELLAR, ARE YOU GOING TO COMMENT YOUR-
SELF ON THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS?

3. A. WELL, AS I TOLD YOU, I THINK THE COMMUNIQUE IS
SELF-EXPLANATORY BUT IF YOU ASK ME A CONCRETE QUESTION,
I WILL CONSIDER GIVING YOU AN ANSWER.

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4. Q. WHEN WILL YOU START WITH NEGOTIATIONS?

5. A. WELL, I CONSIDER THAT IF WE ADMIT THAT THIS ROUND
IN VIENNA IS THE BEGINNING, AS WE SAID IN THE COMMUNIQUE,
OF A NEW SERIES OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, I THINK WE
HAVE TO CONSIDER THE MERE FACT OF HAVING BEEN TOGETHER
FOR NEARLY ELVEN SESSIONS IS A PROMISING FACT.

6. Q. AFTER THE RECENT ROUND OF TALKS, DO YOU STILL BELIEVE THAT A SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE WITHIN 1977?

7. A. WELL, I DON'T THINK THAT ANYONE EXPECTS A SOLUTION OF THE WHOLE PROBLEM DURING 1977. I THINK THAT OUR ASPIRATIONS SHOULD BE TO HAVE A FRAMEWORK OF AN AGREEMENT STILL IN 1977. I DON'T MEAN THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE, BUT I THINK THAT SHOULD BE OUR AIM, OUR OBJECTIVE FOR 1977, AND I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT THE PARTIES WILL BE PREPARED TO WORK IN THAT DIRECTION.

8. Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS A CONCRETE RESULT, IF ANY, OF THIS CONFERENCE AND WHATEVER HAS HAPPENED IN VIENNA IN THIS ROUND. WAS THIS SHORT OF YOUR EXPECTATIONS OR JUST ABOUT YOUR EXPECTATIONS?

9. A. WELL, THAT DEPENDS ON WHETHER I'M AN OPTIMIST OR A PESSIMIST. I AM NEITHER OPTIMISTIC NOR PESSIMISTIC BUT I AM OBJECTIVE, AND I THINK WHAT WE HAVE REACHED NOW IS THE BEGINNING OF A SUSTAINED NEGOTIATING PROCESS WHICH IN ITSELF, I THINK, IS RATHER IMPORTANT.

10. Q. MR. DE CUELLAR, WHEN THE TALKS RESUME IN NICOSIA IN MAY, WILL THEY BE ON THE SAME LEVEL OR ON A TECHNICAL LEVEL?

11. A. WELL, I THINK WE HAVE TO DISCUSS MANY TECHNICALITIES THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED BUT NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXHAUSTED IN VIENNA.

12. Q. WOULD YOU SAY THAT THE VIEWS ARE STILL WIDE APART?

13. A. WELL, IF YOU WANT ME TO READ THE COMMUNIQUE: IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO BRIDGE THE CONSIDERABLE GAP BETWEEN THE VIEWS OF THE TWO SIDES.

14. Q. HAS THE GAP BEEN NARROWED SINCE THESE TALKS HAVE BEGUN?

15. A. WELL, I SHOULD SAY THAT IN A WAY THE BRIDGE EXISTS AND THAT WE HAVE TO MAINTAIN OUR EFFORTS IN ORDER TO REACH THE BRIDGE AND THE GAP WAS ALWAYS A VERY WIDE ONE AND THEN I THINK AS I REPEAT THE FACT OF HAVING AGREED ON A KIND OF CONTINUOUS NEGOTIATING PROCESS IS, I THINK, A RATHER HELPFUL DEVELOPMENT, I SHOULD SAY.

16. Q. MR. DE CUELLAR, THIS QUESTION OF THE MISSING PERSONS WAS RAISED DURING THE MEETING --

17. A. WELL, I THINK MR. PAPADOPOULOS AS LEADER OF THE GREEK-CYPRIT DELEGATION WILL GIVE YOU THE ANSWER ON THAT PARTICULAR QUESTION.

18. Q. MR. DE CUELLAR, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT HAPPENED THIS

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MORNING? WHAT SORT OF --

19. A. WELL, WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING THIS COMMUNIQUE. YOU HAVE, I THINK, ALL OF YOU, A LOT OF EXPERIENCE. AS YOU KNOW, TO AGREE ON A COMMUNIQUE IS SOMETIMES AS DIFFICULT AS TO AGREE ON MORE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS AND THEN I MUST SAY IT WAS A BUSY MORNING BUT I AM SATISFIED THAT THE COMMUNIQUE REFLECTS THE TRUTH.

20. A. THE QUESTION IS AT WHAT LEVEL WILL BE THE TECHNICAL MEETING IN NICOSIA?

21. A. THE SAME LEVEL. THEY SERVE HERE UNDER THE

AUSPICES OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
SECRETARY GENERAL WHICH IS MYSELF WITH THE NEGOTIATORS.
THER ARE SOME TECHNICALITIES THAT HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED
BY PEOPLE ON OTHER LEVELS AND ONE THING, WE'LL ALWAYS
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BE PREPARED TO HELP.

22. Q. MR. DE CUELLAR, DID YOU TALK IN THESE ROUNDS ABOUT
THE PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN CYPRUS? WAS THERE ANY --

23. A. NO, IT WAS NOT ON OUR AGENDA AT ALL.

24. Q. THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF PEACEKEEPING TROOPS.
WAS THERE ANY --

25. A. THAT IS ANOTHER PROBLEM. WELL, ON THIS PRINCIPLE;
WELL, THEY ARE MENTIONED HERE, INCLUDED AS SPECIFIC
QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE, THEY ARE MENTIONED IN THE
COMMUNIQUE.

26. Q. AND THIS IS WHAT WILL BE TALKED ABOUT IN THE
NEXT ROUNDS PERHAPS IN NICOSIA OR IN VIENNA?

27. A. OH, YES. IN MAY.

28. Q. AND ARE YOU SATIFIED WITH THE PRESENT STATE OF
ROCES IN CYPRUS -- THE ENGLISH, THE --

29. A. OH, YES, OF COURSE AND YOU GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY
OF THANKING VERY MUCH THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA
AND YOUR PEOPLE FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION WHICH IS
EXTREMELY VALUABLE. IT IS A CONTINGENT OF VERY
GOOD QUALITY WHICH GIVES US ASSISTANCE AND I WILL
BE VERY GLAD IF YOU CONVEY TO YOUR PEOPLE OUR
GRATITUDE.

30. Q. SURE, I WILL MR. DE CUELLAR. THAN YOU VERY
MUCH.

31. Q. MR. DE CUELLAR, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO ON YOUR
REPLY TO THE QUESTION ABOUT THE LEVEL OF WHICH
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THE NICOSIA TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE. IS IT KNOWN YET WHO
WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE TALKS?

32. A. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, WE ARE ONLY SURE
OF MYSELF. THAT IS, IF I STILL EXIST AT THE MIDDLE OF
MAY. BUT FOR THE OTHERS, I THINK THEY HAVE TO --
I THINK IT WILL BE THE SAME NEGOTIATORS AND PERHAPS
THEIR ADVISERS BUT IT REALLY DOES DEPEND ON THEIR
RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

3. Q. OKEY? FINE. THANK YOU. END TEXT.MEEHAN

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